

Education bill, led a counter-rally against Neo-Nazis in Skokie, Illinois, and started dialogue between Jews and Gentiles in post-war Berlin.

Mr. Blazer helps Israelis, the Jewish Diaspora, and America maintain strong ties. In addition to the aforementioned activities, he has led Hollywood celebrities and other leaders on trips to Israel. He attended the 1979 White House Peace Signing Ceremony between Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat, and U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Prime Minister Begin stated Blazer knows "Israel better than any American" the Israeli Prime Minister had ever met and was "rare" as a "true leader" of the Jewish people.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLYDE
MANN'S EFFORTS TO CREATE A
NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my esteemed colleague, Congressman MIKE HONDA, to recognize Clyde Mann and celebrate his efforts to establish a National Science Day in the United States. Mr. Mann is a science instructor at Warm Springs Elementary School in Fremont, California. Recently he organized, almost single-handedly, a Science Alliance Day at the school.

During the Science Alliance Day a team of 40 Silicon Valley executives visited and made presentations to the 846 students at Warm Springs Elementary School. During this day-long, school-wide extravaganza students were able to get excited about science and learn about the ways that science shapes our future.

Mr. Mann recognizes the growing need for a trained workforce that is knowledgeable about science and technology and his goal is to establish a National Science Day throughout the country. If this goal is accomplished Mr. Mann is sure that our country's students will develop a passion for science by participating in science activities during National Science Day celebrations at their schools. Recently he said, "you're going to have a whole generation of kids across the country that are going to be very interested and engaged in science and to want to pursue science in the future. This is the Apollo moment acted upon."

The start of Warm Spring's science day was spectacular. There were demonstrations featuring robots, dry ice, DNA models, Maglev demonstrations, Mars rover facsimiles, and exploding balloons, and geysers of Coke powered by Mentos, not to mention the scientists and technology executives attending the event. To make sure that the students were not distracted by hunger there were even science themed snacks. According to an excited fourth-grader, "we made edible DNA with toothpaste and marshmallows and twisters". This sort of excitement is exactly what Clyde Mann envisions in his efforts to create a National Science Day.

Congressman HONDA and I applaud Clyde Mann for his accomplishments, commitment, and vision for a National Science Day. If established, National Science Day will excite students about science as well as provide them

with a knowledge base to prepare for the future.

H.R. 2273, COAL RESIDUALS REUSE
AND MANAGEMENT ACT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2273, the Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act. This bill represents yet another attempt by Republicans to put the interests of polluters ahead of public health and the well-being of our communities.

Despite the catastrophe of the Tennessee Valley coal ash spill in 2008, Republicans refuse to allow any meaningful oversight of coal companies. The Tennessee Valley disaster released more than one billion gallons of toxic sludge, flooding hundreds of acres of land and destroying numerous homes and farms. EPA needs the authority to require coal companies to have preventative measures that ensure we do not bury entire communities under toxic sludge. H.R. 2273 would prevent EPA from coming up with even minimal nationwide standards for toxic coal ash.

Minnesota has historically been highly dependent on coal. Thanks to one of the most stringent renewable energy standards in the country that requires 25% of our energy comes from renewable resources by 2025, we are beginning to transition to a clean energy economy. But we are still dealing with the legacy of coal ash.

Statewide, Minnesota has 15 coal ash ponds over 30 years old. One plant in St. Paul, the High Bridge Generating Plant, burned coal since 1923 before converting to natural gas in 2007. The ponds can contain high concentrations of arsenic, mercury, lead and other toxic chemicals. It is unimaginable that Republicans now want coal ash to have less stringent regulations than those required for our household disposable trash.

EPA has spent three years looking at how best to regulate coal ash working with citizens, local community officials and industry. EPA needs to now be allowed to do its job in determining how best to protect the public health. This bill is an unnecessary and harmful intrusion into that process. I urge my colleagues to learn from the Tennessee Valley tragedy and oppose this bill.

HONORING KAREN SAY, WINNER
OF THE SMALL BUSINESS AD-
MINISTRATION 8(A) GRADUATE
FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Karen Say, president of Saybr Contractors, Inc. of Tacoma, Washington, for receiving the 8(a) Graduate Firm of the Year Award.

Each year, the Small Business Administration awards an 8(a) Business Development Program graduate the Small Business Admin-

istration Firm of the Year Award. The 8(a) Development Program is a successful program that is an essential instrument for helping socially and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs gain access to the economic mainstream of American society. It offers business training, counseling, marketing assistance and high-level executive development.

Karen Say founded Saybr Contractors, Inc., in 1997 by filling a narrow niche for upgrading underground storage tanks. Shortly after, Karen expanded her company to include construction, fuel systems, alternative fuels, sitework, and environmental services. Today, Saybr Contractors is a sizable woman-owned general contracting business.

Prior to graduating from the 8(a) Program, Karen and Saybr secured more than \$50 million in 8(a) federal contracts. The 8(a) certification will continue to help Saybr Contractors, Inc., grow its commercial and government business and thrive in a competitive business environment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring Karen Say, winner of the Small Business Administration 8(a) Graduate Firm of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL G. MOFFAT
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLES
OF GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Daniel G. Moffat, former President and Chief Executive Officer of GTA TeleGuam, and commend him on his contributions to transforming the Guam Telephone Authority from a government operation to an effective, successful and thriving telecommunications enterprise on Guam.

Dan Moffat became the President and Chief Executive Officer of GTA TeleGuam in January 2007. He arrived on Guam when GTA TeleGuam was in the process of transforming from a government owned and operated telephone system to a privately owned communications service in a rapidly developing and competitive market.

Utilizing twenty five years of experience in the telecommunications industry, Dan guided GTA TeleGuam in recruiting, training and developing a highly motivated team using local talent. He improved Guam's telephone services, and developed high speed broadband Internet access and wireless systems. He brought emerging technologies to our island and built a world class communications infrastructure serving our region. Dan's leadership and spirit of entrepreneurship brought the latest innovative products and services to his customers. His efforts and contributions in telecommunications transformed services on Guam with digital technology. Under his leadership, many opportunities were realized for the people of Guam in international communications and networking.

Dan Moffat promoted Chamorro values as part of GTA TeleGuam's corporate culture. He challenged his management team to incorporate the principles of local values and traditions in GTA's business practices. He became